assistance, export & marketing assistance of SSIs established a Sub Office in Nagpur in addition to its Regional Office in Mumbai. These measures are in addition to incentives offered by Govt. of Maharashtra by way of sales tax exemption, refund of octroi/entry tax, refund of electricity duty concession in capital cost of power supply and contribution towards feasibility studies. These meaemes have contributed to the increase in the number of registered SSI units in Maharashtra from 59953 in 1991 to 104410 in 1996.

Delay in the issue of notification to raise investment limit for SSIs

2091. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of raising the investment limit for small scale industral units to Rs. 3 crores as recommended by the Abid Hussain Committee and announced in the Budget Session by the Finance Minister;

(b) if so, when the requisite Notification would be issued as required undei the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951;

(c) whether Government are aware that delay in raising the investment limit is adversely affecting the growth of production; and

(d) the total number of SSI units in the country and how many of them are sick units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government have taken a decision to raise the investment limit on plant and machinery for the small scale/ancillary units from Rs. 60/75 lakhs to Rs. 300 lakh as recommended by the Abid Hussain Committee. The draft notification in this regard has been laid on the Tables of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 20th and 21st March, 1997 respectively. The notification will be issued after the expiry of the stipulated period of its laying in the Parliament as required under Sub-section (3) of the Section 11B of the IDR Act 1951.

(c) No such adverse effect on growth of production due to delay in raising the investment limit has come to the notice of the Government. In any case, provisions of the law need to be complied with before the issue of notification.

(d) The total number of registered SSI units in the country is 28.57 lakhs (Provisional) (1996-97), of which 2,62,376 are reported to be sick units (up to March 1996).

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र से उद्योगों के लिए कच्चा माल

2092. श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों के उद्योगों के लिए कौन-कौन से कच्चे पदार्थों की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या उत्तराखण्ड क्षेत्र (कुमांयू और गढ़वाल मण्डल) में उत्पादित कच्चे माल पर आधारित किसी उद्योग की स्थापना उत्तर प्रदेश में की गई है अथवा करने का विचार है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) अनेक प्रकार के वन आधारित उत्पाद जैसे—लीसा, जड़ी, -बूटियां और लकड़ियों में जैसे-खैर, पापुलर, हल्दू, कंजू सेमल, तुन एवं एलेन्थस आदि की उत्तर-प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों में आपूर्ति की जा रही है ।